

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of MAY, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December 1945 was estimated to be 493,047.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			APRIL		4 months ended APRIL	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	..	No.	472	351	1,773	1,371
"		*Rate per 1000 of Population	11.61	8.72	10.92	8.53
Births	..	No.	819	925	3,268	3,833
"		*Rate per 1000 of Population	20.15	22.97	20.13	23.84
Deaths	..	No.	332	353	1,403	1,444
"		*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.17	8.77	8.64	8.98
Infant Mortality		No.	28	24	110	96
"		Rate per 1000 live births	34.19	25.95	33.66	25.05
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>						
Tuberculosis			16	13	58	59
Cancer			41	47	163	193
Influenza			1	-	4	1
Diphtheria			2	-	6	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			34	36	132	146
Arteriosclerosis			5	17	29	60
Diseases of the Heart			97	93	370	340
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			11	23	77	78
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			3	6	17	23
Nephritis			8	15	42	60
Diseases of Early Infancy			15	13	55	50
Idiocy			7	12	31	53
Accidents			20	20	105	78
All Other Causes			72	68	314	297
Total			332	353	1,403	1,444

Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May totalled 78,234 acres, a decrease of 17,597 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 820,939 acres, a decrease of 138,392 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of May		11 months ended May	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,139,867	1,054,578	12,154,447	12,555,255
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.6.1d.	£2.3.0d.	£24.13.1d.	£25.14. 6d.
Expenditure ..	1,240,121	1,140,127	13,066,417	12,684,824
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.10.1d.	£2.6.6d.	£26.13.1d.	£25.19.1d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st May 1946 amounted to £37,668,818, or £76.2.0d. per head of population, as against £30,929,122 or £63.1.0d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th May 1946 amounted to £3,624,630, compared with £2,706,221 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		11 months ended May	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers ..	(No. ..)	1,784	964	13,648	9,460
	(£. ..)	829,651	460,863	5,868,218	3,789,445
Mortgages ..	(No. ..)	928	313	5,819	2,704
	(£. ..)	731,201	312,402	4,999,225	2,745,747
Discharges of Mortgages	No. ..	928	597	7,208	5,399

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1945 - 02				
May 04	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June 07	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July 18	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August 10	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,871,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832

COMPANIES REGISTERED

51 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £818,100 and 20 Foreign Companies were registered for the eleven months ended 31st May, 1946. For the corresponding period last year there were registered 11 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £163,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	11 months ended 31st May					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	9	22,705	8,064	2	3,257	2,046
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £.	386,100	331,200	3,453,700	3,619,300
Working Expenses £.	353,605	314,167	3,374,655	3,097,000
Train miles run	559,584	509,924	5,278,047	5,249,237
Passenger Journeys	1,295,826	1,418,999	14,174,979	15,233,103
Freight Carried -				
Paying Goods	242,512	230,051	2,126,476	2,320,356
Livestock	10,596	7,978	118,985	125,344
Departmental (Free Freight)	39,882	52,889	383,832	466,097
Total	292,990	290,918	2,629,293	2,911,797
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	32,426,907	28,392,547	275,357,615	264,324,234
Livestock	1,348,997	754,447	14,067,948	13,809,987
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,148,949	7,288,926	56,657,534	66,469,944
Total	39,924,853	36,435,920	346,083,097	344,604,165

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
Jan.	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
Feb.	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,32
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,0
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,5
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,36	244	5,0
1946 -								
January	18,632	7,196	204	3,568	30,167	25,285	244	5,58
February	18,823	7,400	204	3,811	30,667	26,401	290	6,00
March	18,864	7,482	204	3,896	30,796	26,813	291	6,15
April	19,076	7,754	204	4,143	31,027	27,449	304	6,56
May	19,200	7,954	204	4,263	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - MAY	92	444	5	5

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the ten months ended April 1946 and 1945 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		10 months ended APRIL		APRIL		10 months ended APRIL	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	535	311	4,625	4,183	2,004	632	14,299	11,937
Interstate	1487	1,333	13,109	10,971	235	920	5,411	4,268
Total	2,022	1,644	17,734	15,154	2,239	1,552	19,710	16,205

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
Y, 1946	*186	*191,610	25	13,072	271	31,154	*482	*235,836
Y, 1945	62	45,920	2	3,935	195	26,720	259	76,575
months ended May 1946	1,284	1,145,810	99	66,383	2,395	294,874	3,778	1,507,067
months ended May 1945	470	318,200	19	44,873	1,275	186,815	1,764	549,888

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 74 for a value of £78,080.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
Y, 1946	*20	*15,912	2	5,000	53	5,900	*75	*26,812
Y, 1945	1	530	1	2,000	27	1,350	29	3,880
months ended May 1946	177	128,674	37	19,147	408	35,962	622	183,783
months ended May 1945	66	48,669	12	6,807	253	14,687	331	70,163

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 2 for a value of £1,869.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

228,097 lbs. were produced during April 1946, and 11,467,167 lbs. for the ten months ended April 1946, as against 263,585 lbs. and 11,323,273 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		MAY		5 months ended May	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	46,312	34,202	207,459	185,646
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	498,435	362,545	2,222,783	1,967,857

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1946, amounted to £87,880, as against £126,809 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan Area	1067	1062	1061	1059
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1201	1192	1193	1187
Northam	1083	1071	1072	1069
Dunbury	1064	1049	1050	1043
Geraldton	1092	1086	1084	1088

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144		927	836	832	891	
June	118	135	139	145		907	835	829	903	
July	117	136	140	145(a)		888	828	832	899	
August	119	136	140	144		882	814	832	897	
Sept.	120	137	140	141		877	808	834	914	
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	138	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	15,210	14,898	171,624	169,398
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,297	12,583	146,003	143,522

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
MAY, 1946	12,167	350	54,206	12,447
MAY, 1945	6,756	173	42,259	11,817
Five months ended May, 1946	31,379	1,075	308,302	71,074
Five months ended May, 1945	27,242	1,359	353,101	67,822